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To: All Heads of Schools (State and Non-State) and Sections

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Subject: Safer Internet Day 2023: Together for a Better Internet

Safer Internet Day (<https://www.saferinternetday.org/>) is a global celebration that highlights the opportunities the Internet has to offer and the importance of making it a safer place. This year's Safer Internet Day is going to be held on **Tuesday, 7th February 2023**. The Directorate for Digital Literacy and Transversal Skills (DDLTS) promotes the use of internet in a meaningful way and encourages all educators, parents, and students to play their part in creating a better experience using the internet for everyone.

During this month, schools are kindly encouraged to organize activities related to internet safety and record the activities organized in Malta by uploading them to https://bit.ly/sid_2023.

As part of the Safer Internet Day activities in Malta:

- (a) The Directorate for Digital Literacy and Transversal Skills is going to organize a debate in collaboration with the Migrant Learners Unit and the Education Officer for Ethics within the Directorate for Learning and Assessment Programmes and the Education Officer for Counselling within the National Support Services. The theme is “**Disinformation, misinformation, hate speech and cyberbullying**”. This debate is going to take place on **Friday, 24th February 2023 between 11.30am – 12.30pm**. During this session several issues related to Hate Speech and disinformation/misinformation are going to be discussed. You may join this seminar in person at the premises of the Directorate for Digital Literacy and Transversal Skills, Joseph Abela Scolari Street, Hamrun or online. You may register by clicking https://bit.ly/SID_2023_debate.
- (b) Educators are also informed that the Facts4All MOOC is still open. This course was coordinated by the European Schoolnet together with our Directorate, and two other partners, Mediawijs and Faktabaari EDU. Faced with the scourge of online disinformation, and the emergence of fake news, Internet users are encouraged to develop critical thinking. The Facts4All project, in its new MOOC, invites primary and secondary school teachers to join its new course to develop and implement effective whole-school approaches to foster critical thinking and tackle online disinformation. You may access the MOOC by clicking this [link](#).

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